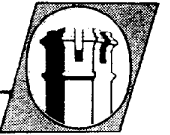


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Dear Commissioners:

We, the faculty of the Department of Mass Communication at Northwest Missouri State University, request that you consider the following comments during your deliberations regarding MM Docket 99-25 that proposes making available Low Power FM radio service.

Our specific request is that, in cases involving educational institutions, the Commission waive the provision that prohibits current station owners from acquiring a license for a low power station. As currently written, this provision would make our university ineligible to own a low power station because it already owns and operates a noncommercial public radio station KXCV/KRNW. Waiving the provision in cases such as ours would be consistent with the spirit of the low power FM movement. It is clear that the intent of the entire proposal is to diversify the nation's airwaves and to counter the trend toward conglomerate ownership.

It so happens that, in our own case, the university is poised to participate in accomplishing these objectives. We have the staff and most of the equipment needed to begin a broadcast operation. The students in our academic program currently operate a station whose signal is carried through the local cable television system. Because there are so few radio stations in this rural area, the entire community of Maryville as well as the surrounding region of Northwest Missouri would greatly benefit from making the student radio station's signal available to listeners over the air.

We thank each one of you for considering our perspective on this important issue before the Commission. We remain confident that the final outcome will be consistent with the vision and the leadership that began this initiative.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerry Donnelly, Chairman

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